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FRITZ SCHWERTFEGER

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB08A and/or SB08B are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. This Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1).

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No copies of the listed U.S. patent references or the listed U.S. patent application publication references have been included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). All other references have been provided as required. Consideration and entry into the record of the listed references is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir or Madam:

I, Holger Potten, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the aboveidentified application, residing at Neubiberger Straße 17a, 81737 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed International Search Report and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

WO 01/17902 A1, cited in the application, the corresponding abstract in English language is included (point 57, front page).

GB 1 276 731, cited in the International Search Report, is already in English language.

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EP 0 318 100 A2, cited in the application, the corresponding Derwent abstract in English language is enclosed.

EP 0 653 381 A1, cited in the application, the corresponding Derwent abstract in English language is enclosed.

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Signed this 3 rd day of January, 2006.

Dr. Holger Potten

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